

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROGRAMMES FOR CHILDREN
AKHILESH SINGH

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expenditure Reform Commission constituted for exercising control over Government expenditure have made some recommendations in their report submitted to the Government in regard to showing educational programmes for the children on each and every channel of Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, the details of these recommendations and the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to implement it so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a)&(b): The Geethakrishnan Committee (Expenditure Reforms Commission) Report in respect of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has commented that all TV channels including private channels should spare telecasting time for programmes of interest and relevance to children. It has also recommended that it should be mandatory for all TV channels in India to telecast such programmes and at timings appropriate for viewing by children. The present legal frame does not mandate such powers with the Government.